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### AgForce Projects workshops to help graziers achieve best management practice standards

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AgForce Projects will deliver property computer mapping workshops in Central Queensland, aimed at helping graziers improve on-property outcomes and assist those wishing to achieve above industry standards.

AgForce Projects GIS technical officer Noel Brinsmead said not only will the workshops help graziers wanting to improve their on-farm practice but the workshops will be of benefit to all experience levels.

“Our workshops walk graziers through from the basics of using the program up to setting up a computer map that can be as comprehensive as the user wants it to be. Any farmer that already has a property map is still encouraged to attend, as regularly updating your map and understanding the tools involved ensures your maps ongoing usefulness for you and your property.”

Mr Brinsmead said the workshops were not only important for graziers involved in Grazing BMP, but mapping is important for all graziers interested in improving productivity and sustainability outcomes.

“The more comprehensive the map, the more it can assist with improve productivity and profitability. Maps can even be used to set carrying capacities, planning infrastructure, vegetation management, or managing weeds and pest animals. Comprehensive property maps are an indispensable tool, not just for graziers but all producers,” Mr Brinsmead said.

“To achieve recognition as being above industry stand in the Grazing BMP program a grazier must be using computer mapping to achieve above industry standards. I encourage graziers within the Fitzroy Basin Association (FBA) area to take advantage of the opportunity to attend one of our nationally accredited workshops while the opportunity is still available to claim back up to 70% of the cost of the workshop back through the Fitzroy Basin Association.”

Attendees who complete the workshop will also receive a statement of attainment for unit ‘Produce maps for land management purposes’ which can be put towards a Certificate IV in Conservation and Land Management.

#### Workshops dates and times:

- Injune – 15 September, 8.30am to 3.45pm
- Bauhinia – 16 September, 8.30am to 3.45pm
- Biloela – 17 September, 8.30am to 3.45pm
- Dingo – 19 October, 8.30am to 3.45pm
- Dysart – 20 October, 8.30am to 3.45pm
- Rockhampton – 21 October, 8.30am to 3.45pm

The program costs \$990.00 for landholders who require the full training package, spatial data and a licence for Phoenix Mapping. For landholders who already have a licence for Phoenix Mapping the program will cost \$610.50.

There is an opportunity for landholders to claim back up to 70% of the training cost within the Fitzroy Basin area. Please contact AgForce Projects for further information.

Registrations are due 10 days prior to the workshops. Visit [www.agforceprojects.org.au](http://www.agforceprojects.org.au) to register or call 3238 6048.

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